

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Tetsujiro KONDO, et al.

SERIAL NO: 10/562,176

GAU: 2624

FILED: December 23, 2005

EXAMINER: M. A. NEWMAN

FOR: SIGNAL PROCESSING DEVICE, SIGNAL PROCESSING METHOD, PROGRAM,  
AND RECORDING MEDIUM

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

**REFERENCES**

- ☒ Submitted herewith is a Japanese Office Action for the Examiner's consideration. The reference cited therein was previously filed on March 21, 2006. Also submitted is a PTO-1449 listing JP 2003-18578 (submitting English Abstract and Computer Generated English translation only).
- ☐ Credit card payment is being made online (if electronically filed), or is attached hereto (if paper filed), in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**RELATED CASES**

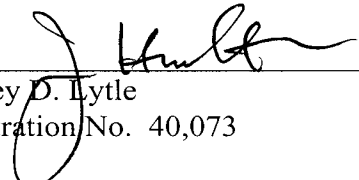
- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s), published application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. In accordance with the waiver of 37 CFR 1.98 dated September 21, 2004, copies of the cited pending applications are not provided. Cited published and/or issued patents, if any, are listed on the attached PTO form 1449.
- ☐ Credit card payment is being made online (if electronically filed), or is attached hereto (if paper filed), in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**CERTIFICATION**

- ☒ Each item of information not previously filed or cited by the Examiner in this application was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- ☐ No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, L.L.P.

  
Bradley D. Lytle  
Registration No. 40,073

Edward W. Tracy, Jr.  
Registration No. 47,998

**James D. Hamilton**  
**Registration No. 28,421**

Customer Number

**22850**

Tel. (703) 413-3000  
Fax. (703) 413-2220  
(OSMMN 07/09)